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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: COMITE ON CONFERENCES

1. SUMMARY: UNSYG LEWANDOWSKI OPENED FIRST MTG OF UN COMITE ON CONFERENCES ON FEB 25. AFTER UNANIMOUS ELECTION OF CHRISTOPHER THOMAS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AS CHAIRMAN, LEWANDOWSKI RELINQUISHED CHAIR TO THOMAS. ELECTIONS OF VICE-CHAIRMAN AND RAPPOREUR WERE POSTPONED TO SECOND MTG SCHEDULED FOR FEB 28, 3:00 P.M. STATEMENTS MADE BY USYG LEWANDOWSKI, AUSTRIA, CANADA, BELGIUM, FRANCE, PHILIPPINES, USSR, AND US. END SUMMARY

2. LEWANDOWSKI'S MAJOR POINTS WERE: (A) ..."THOSE THAT ARE RICH HAVE MANPOWER AND MEANS TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTITUDE OF CONFERENCES...THOSE THAT ARE NOT RICH MIGHT FIND THEMSELVES PROGRESSIVELY EXCLUDED FROM MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION THROUGH SHORTAGE OF EXPERTS AND FUNDS..." (B) NUMBER OF MEETINGS HAS DOUBLED WITHIN LAST DECADE. UNLESS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS FLEXIBLE PLANNING SYSTEM, POINT WILL BE REACHED WHEN EXPERTISE AND/OR MONEY WILL BE EXHAUSTED. LEWANDOWSKI SUGGESTED USE OF TECHNOLOGICAL DEVICES TO COPE WITH FUTURE UN GROWTH. (C) SOME MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MAY DEplete THEIR REPRESENTATIONAL RESOURCES TO POINT WHERE THEY ARE FORCED TO ALLOW OTHER TO ACT FOR THEM BY PROXY.

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3. SOVREP SAFRONCHUK MADE SEVERAL REQUESTS OF SECRETARIAT: (A) DEFINITIVE CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES IN 1975 AND REPORT ON ANY REQUESTS MADE FOR CHANGES IN SCHEDULE; (B) COMMENTS OF SYG ON JIU REPORT PER PARA FIVE OF A/9795/ADD.2; (C) CONCISE "CATALOG" OF UN CONFERENCE SERVICE RESOURCES PER GA RES 3351 (XXIX) PARA II 3D; (D) AMOUNT ACTUALLY SPENT ON DOCUMENTATION IN EACH AREA; (E) LIST OF UN ORGANS HAVING SUMMARY RECORDS; AND (F) DESCRIPTION OF WHAT SECRETARIAT ITSELF, WITHIN ITS POWERS, IS DOING TO COORDINATE CONFERENCES IN UN SYSTEM.

4. STOTTEMYER (US) SUPPORTED SAFRONCHUK'S REQUEST FOR INFO PER PARA 3(B) ABOVE. REQUESTED THAT SECT PROVIDE COMMITTEE WITH SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS/SUGGESTIONS MADE BY JIU, SYG, ACABQ AND REPS IN FIFTH COMMITTEE DURING 29TH UNGA AND EACH GROUPED ACCORDING TO SUBJECT CATEGORIES WHICH MIGHT FORM BASIS FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION.

5. CHAIRMAN THOMAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE SOON TO ATTEND LOS CONFERENCE. ELECTIONS OF VICE CHAIRMAN (POSSIBLE HAHN OF CANADA) AND RAPPOREUR (PROBABLY GORITZA OF ROMANIA) WILL TAKE PLACE AT FEB 28 MEETING. DISCUSSION OF WORK PROGRAM WILL ALSO CONTINUE.

6. THOMAS CALLED MISOFF AFTER MEETING WELCOMING ANY US SUGGESTIONS RE COMMITTEE PROGRAM OF WORK.
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